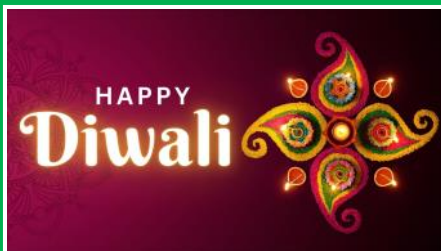




BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 24th October



Happy Diwali to all our families celebrating the festival of lights.

Halifax Community Fridge

The school council visited the Halifax Community Fridge last week to see the amazing work that the volunteers at the Community Fridge do to support our community.



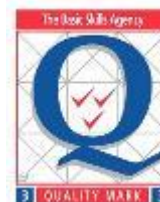
They helped with stocking the shelves, serving from behind the counter and greeting people with a warm smile.

They were such a credit to our school and the Community Fridge were very appreciative of our help and support.



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The following children have received their TT Rockstars Gone Green Certificates:

Year 4

Areeba N (South Africa)
Aima O (Egypt)

Keep up the good work. Well done!



Top 10 Children

Zarina A (Singapore)
Zayan A (Nigeria)
Mhd Ebad (Egypt)
Mridini S G (Singapore)
Alina H (Singapore)
Aneesa S (Singapore)
Aahil N (Australia)
Vivaan M (South Africa)
Hashim A (New Zealand)
Nitika K (Japan)

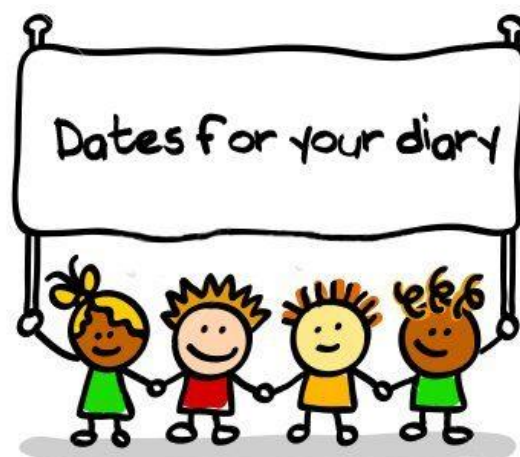
Top 3 Classes

Singapore
Egypt
New Zealand

Important Dates

Mon 10th November - Odd Socks Day
Mon 10th & Tue 11th - Reception Parent Lunches
Tue 11th & Wed 12th Nov - Parents' Evening
Tue 18th Nov - Reception Open Evening at 4pm and at 5pm (for September 2026 intake)
Thu 27th & Fri 28th Nov - Y2 Residential
Wed 3rd Dec - Christmas Dinner Day
Fri 5th Dec - PINS Parent Workshop
Mon 8th & Wed 10th Dec - Y2 Parent Lunches
Tue 9th Dec - Orchestra Event @ Dean Clough
Fri 12th Dec - Overgate Elf Run
Festive Coffee Morning
Mon 15th to Wed 17th Dec - Y6 Residential
Wed 17th Dec - Nursery Winter Performances
Thu 18th Dec - Merit Treat
Thu 18th Dec - Reception Winter Performance
Fri 19th Dec - Values Assembly

School closes on Friday 19th December to all children @ 1:10pm.



Speak with honesty
think with sincerity
act with integrity

Year 1 Trip to the Woods

This week some of the reception children went for a walk in the woods. The children were all fantastic and embraced the nature all around them.

We spotted birds and squirrels, squelched in the mud, climbed up the hills and looked in amazement at how tall the trees were. We found lots of different leaves in a range of autumn colours and spotted tree trunks that looked like alligators and crocodiles!

What a lovely experience for them all.



Attendance Update

(Mon 13th Oct to Fri 17th Oct)

Group	% Attend
Halifax 1	98.6
Halifax 2	100.0
Halifax 3	90.7
Northern Ireland	98.4
Wales	96.8
Scotland	88.1
Switzerland	96.5
France	91.5
Denmark	92.4
Mexico	96.8
Canada	97.4
South Africa	100.0
Nigeria	94.5
Egypt	94.8
Japan	95.3
Singapore	94.0
China	95.9
New Zealand	99.0
Australia	95.7
Totals	95.5

If you wish to discuss your child's attendance, please contact Mrs Farhat Hussain, Attendance Officer on 01422 345004

Beech Hill School



"In early years, children get off to a flying start to their education. They benefit from caring relationships with staff. They enjoy school"

Ofsted 2025



"They are happy and well cared for."
Ofsted 2019 -
Outstanding Early Years

"Learning Without Limits"



We invite you to come along to our
RECEPTION OPEN EVENING

On Tuesday 18th November 2025

Please arrive at either 4pm or 5pm

Parents are invited to have a look around the school and meet the Co-Headteachers, Early Years Lead and other staff.
Please contact the school office if you would like any further information

01422 345004 or email: admin@beechhillschool.co.uk

Speech and Language Activities

We have been sent a wonderful resource from a Speech and Language Specialist which includes fun activities that parents and children can enjoy together.

These simple ideas are a great way to support your child's speech and language development at home!

Please follow the link for more information:

[BBC Tiny Happy People](#)



House Points

The following children have received their **bronze** award for achieving **50** house points:

Alina A
Hibah B
Sarah D
Ravin H
Aizah H
Mehak K
Ali K
Malaika N
Izyan R
Liyah S

Kyra S U
Momina M
Mahira A
Arslaan B
Zayan A
Adam S
Alishba U
Faryal S
Uzair Z



Well done Everyone. Keep up the hard work!

SEND Local Offer Newsletter

October 2025

Mainstream Inclusion Calderdale Launch

We held our launch event for **Mainstream Inclusion Calderdale** on 15th October at The Shay and it was great to see so many of you there! We had guest speakers, a SEND Local Offer marketplace and the first chance for schools to use the whole school audit tool.

Resources covering the four broad areas of need will be available to everybody.

There will be more to come about the day. Keep an eye out on our [Facebook page](#) and the [Local Offer](#) for photos and videos from the day.

EHCP Phase Transfer

It's that time of year when young people and parent carers are looking at schools for next September. To support discussions at EHCP reviews, we've created a Phase Transfer booklet.

It has information on different types of settings, the process and where to get support if you need it.

You can find the booklet on the [Local Offer](#).

Dingley's Promise

Dingley's Promise provides training for Early Years Providers. This is **free** for the next 9 months so [learn more about it and sign up here!](#)

Education Welfare Service

The Education Welfare Service operate a **daily duty system** at Customer First on Horton Street between 10:00am and 1:00pm. **Monday - Thursday** there is an Education Welfare Officer. **Friday** there is a dedicated Home Education Officer.

SIT remit documents

The [Specialist Inclusion Team](#) have updated their One Minute Guides and remit documents over the summer, making it easier to understand who they support and the referral route.

SEND Local Offer School holiday Newsletter

October 2025

SEND Inflatable family fun swim

Brighthouse Pool & Fitness Centre are holding this session on Sunday 13th April 2025 2:30 - 3:30pm.

The main pool will be dedicated to the session, having inflatable and float fun swim sections available. The music system will not be in use during the session.

The session is **free**. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Play Development Services

The Play Development Service have a variety of events happening over October half-term which children and young people 5-14 can attend.

Children and young people with specialist educational needs and disabilities need to book on so they can discuss their needs.

Check out the [events](#) section of the Local Offer.

Eureka!

Whether you're a mini mad scientist, or pint-sized paranormal investigator, there's something for everyone at Ghosts & Ghouls Week this half term.

For more details on the activities and how to book on, [click here](#).

Healthy Holidays

Calderdale College October Half Term Sports Camp
6-12 year olds
9am-1pm

Four days of sport and physical activities including a hot healthy meal.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Halloween at Family Hubs

Calderdale Family Hubs have lots of activities happening over the October half-term. From sensory sessions to Halloween parties. Check out their [Facebook page](#) for more information.

Phonics Corner

Read Write Inc.
Phonics



Can you read the sounds and words at home?

Scan the QR codes to watch the interactive videos. Your teacher will tell you the correct sound to focus on, if you are unsure.

Fred Games

Give children extra practice to learn to blend orally.



Word Time

mad	at
dad	sad
mat	sat



Set 1 Reading



d



Set 2 Reading



ow



Set 3 Reading



i_e



Nut-Free School

We would just like to remind all families that we are a nut-free school. We have some children in school with serious nut allergies and coming into contact with nuts could be potentially life-threatening. Please be mindful when preparing your child's packed lunch and ensure you check the ingredients of everything you give them. Thank you for your support.



Dinner Menu from Monday 3rd November

If you require an allergy list please email kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk

3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Chicken Nuggets 5	Homemade Spicy Kebab 12	Cod Stars 2, 5	Roast Chicken Dinner Yorkshire Puddings 5, 10, 12	Pizza 5, 10
	Spinach & Ricotta Tortellini 3, 4, 5, 10, 12	Samosas 5 Savoury Rice	Homemade Cheese & Onion Quiche 5, 10	Quorn Sausage 5	Homemade Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry Rice
Vegetables	Chips Beans Sweetcorn	g/f Waffle Fries Mixed Veg Broccoli	g/f Wedges Mushy Peas Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Peas Carrots	Chips Beans Peas
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert	Sweet Waffles 4, 5, 10, 12	Chocolate Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Crispy Buns 5, 10	Marble Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Ice Cream Swirls 10	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Ice Cream Cake 4, 5, 10, 12	Jelly	Ice Cream 10

Weekly Online Safety Update

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

FORTNITE



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often 'gone when they're gone'.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

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